### Performance as at 31 March 2025

|                        | 1 Month | 3 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years p.a. | 5 Years p.a. | Inception p.a <sup>1</sup> |
|------------------------|---------|----------|--------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Fund <sup>1</sup>      | -2.4%   | 2.6%     | 6.9%   | 4.2%         | 17.2%        | 9.2%                       |
| Benchmark <sup>3</sup> | -3.6%   | -2.0%    | -1.3%  | -0.8%        | 10.2%        | 5.5%                       |
| Difference             | 1.2%    | 4.6%     | 8.2%   | 5.0%         | 7.0%         | 3.7%                       |

<sup>1</sup> Inception date is 16 May 2016. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All p.a. returns are annualised.

<sup>2</sup> Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund. Returns of the Fund are net of applicable fees, costs and taxes.

<sup>3</sup> Benchmark is the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation index.

### **Overall Commentary**

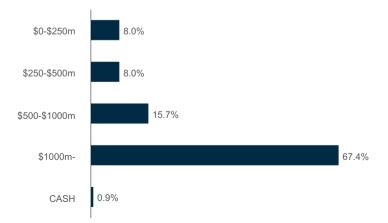
The Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund returned -2.4% (after fees) for the month of March, outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 1.2%.

## **Top 5 Holdings**

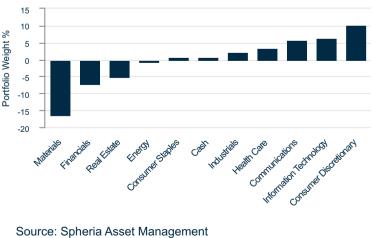
| Company Name              | % Portfolio |  |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| Healius Limited           | 6.1         |  |
| Supply Network Limited    | 6.0         |  |
| IRESS Limited             | 4.6         |  |
| Fletcher Building Limited | 4.5         |  |
| Deterra Royalties Limited | 4.3         |  |
| Тор 5                     | 25.4        |  |

## Market Cap Bands

Source: Spheria Asset Management



### Active Sector Exposure



Source: Spheria Asset Management



### Markets

Australian equity markets experienced heightened volatility in March. Whilst it is easy to blame certain political figures (the media's narrative) and economic policy, we believe the falls mostly reflect unsustainable valuations which have arisen due to the market crowding into winners and away from losers, at any price. US government spending cuts will hurt the US economy in the short term but could lead to a more sustainable economic footing particularly if tariffs and lower tax rates can incentivise private sector investment in the USA. Where the US economy goes so does the world economy and the market will look ahead to this recovery at some point.

On the other hand, gold prices reached new highs with the materials sector significantly outperforming during the month. Despite no gold exposure in the Fund, the rotation away from expensive growth stocks has supported fund performance which is focused on cashflow, balance sheet and valuation.

Over the month the largest contributors were an overweight position in Healius (HLS.ASX, +9%), not owning Zip Co (ZIP.ASX, -35%), and owning NZME (NZM.ASX, +10%). The largest detractors from performance included not owning West African Resources (WAF.ASX, +34%), not owning Genesis Minerals (GMD.ASX, +17%), and not owning Perseus Mining (PRU.ASX, +15%).

#### **Platform Availability List**

The Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund is available on the below Platforms. Platforms provide with consolidated and centralised reporting (including administration, tax, and distribution) by bundling together a range of managed funds as one single product. If the fund is not available on your preferred platform, please contact us. Please check with your platform for minimum investment requirements and fees.

| AMP North     | DASH                    | Macquarie Wrap | OneVue    |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Asgard        | Freedom of Choice       | Mason Stevens  | PowerWrap |
| BT Panorama   | HUB24                   | mFund          | Praemium  |
| Centric       | Insignia Expand         | Netwealth      |           |
| CFA FirstWrap | Insignia Financial Wrap |                |           |

| Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Benchmark                                 | S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index   |  |  |  |
| Investment Objective                      | Outperform the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over the medium to long term   |  |  |  |
| Investing Universe                        | Primarily listed companies outside the top ASX 100 listed<br>companies by market capitalisation and companies listed on the<br>New Zealand Stock Exchange with an equivalent market<br>capitalisation |  |  |  |
| Risk                                      | Very high   |  |  |  |
| Holdings                                  | Generally 20-65 stocks  |  |  |  |
| Distributions                             | Half-Yearly   |  |  |  |
| Fees                                      | 1.10% p.a Management fee & 20% performance fee of the<br>Fund's excess return verses its benchmark, net of the<br>management fee  |  |  |  |
| Cash                                      | Up to 20% cash, typically 5% - 10%  |  |  |  |
| Expected Turnover                         | 30% - 40%   |  |  |  |
| Style                                     | Long only   |  |  |  |
| APIR                                      | WHT0008AU   |  |  |  |
| Minimum Initial Investment                | \$25,000  |  |  |  |



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